Author’s response to reviews

Title: Female Sex and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Rural Uganda: A cross-sectional, population-based study.

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The Editor

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Dear Dr. Fabrizio D'Ascenzo

We thank you and the reviewers for the comprehensive review of our work. We have taken note of all comments, and responded to each in the document below, and made corresponding changes to the manuscript. Because all suggested edits were about punctuation, we have effected them and have not included track changes in the updated manuscript with this re-submission.
We look forward to further input.

Sincerely,

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REVIEWER 1.

1. I think the study was multistage stratified one. I suggest to use this in detail. Was the sample size calculated?

Thank you for the comments.

The study was not multistage stratified. It was a cross-sectional survey nested within an ongoing whole-population prospective cohort study. This allowed us to apply inverse probability of sampling weights to account for uneven probabilities of participation in the cross-sectional survey as well as to generate population-level estimates. Sample size was not calculated. We believe our approach is adequately explained under the sections “Methods” lines 93 – 98, and “Data Analysis” lines 147-158.

REVIEWER 2.

Thank you very much for your kind comments.

1. Page 6, line 121: no comma required
   Suggested change effected.

2. Page 7, line 127: comma after the ref (18)
   Suggested change effected.
3. In general, I would put reference number before the full stop at the end of the sentence. For example, in line 142 I suggest to write (21). rather than .(21).

Punctuation for all references changed as suggested.

EDITOR COMMENTS.

1. Very interesting study.

Thank you very much for your kind comments.

2. Authors should quote also PMID: 29878902 on differences after CAD diagnosis

Reference has been included as reference number 11 (Background; line 75).